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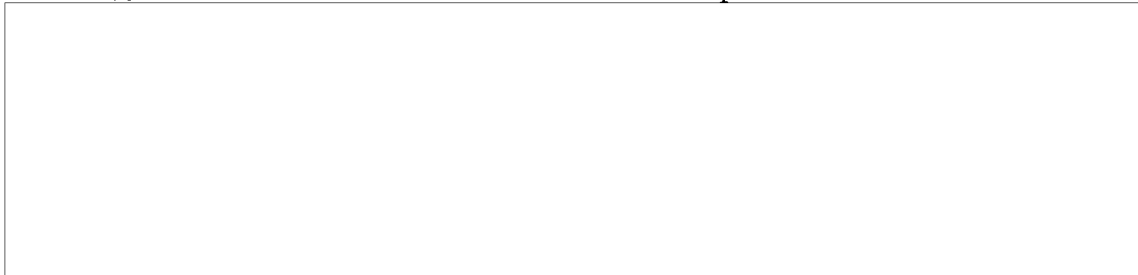
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM E. COLBY
VICE CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL SECURITY
COUNCIL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Subject: Actions to Control Damaging Security Leaks

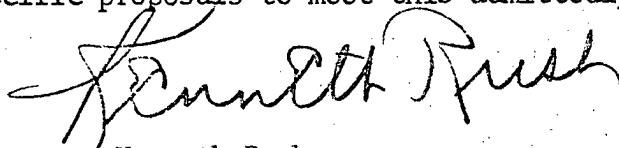
Your memorandum of 28 November 1973 expressed concern about



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We have conducted inquiries within the Department but I am not able to identify the source of the leaks as being from within the Department of State. We have not ordered a major investigation to determine all the recipients of the intelligence contained in the articles, since, in the past, extensive questioning of possible recipients has not proved helpful in uncovering the source of the leaks. There are, in addition, several factors which would make any current review even less likely to be productive. During the crisis there was a greatly increased flow of highly sensitive documents circulated on an urgent basis, and some highly sensitive compartmented intelligence was passed to the Department outside the normal control channels.

The Department stands ready to cooperate with you in measures which you find are necessary to insure the protection of sensitive sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. Please let me know if you have specific proposals to meet this admittedly difficult problem.



Kenneth Rush
Acting Secretary

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